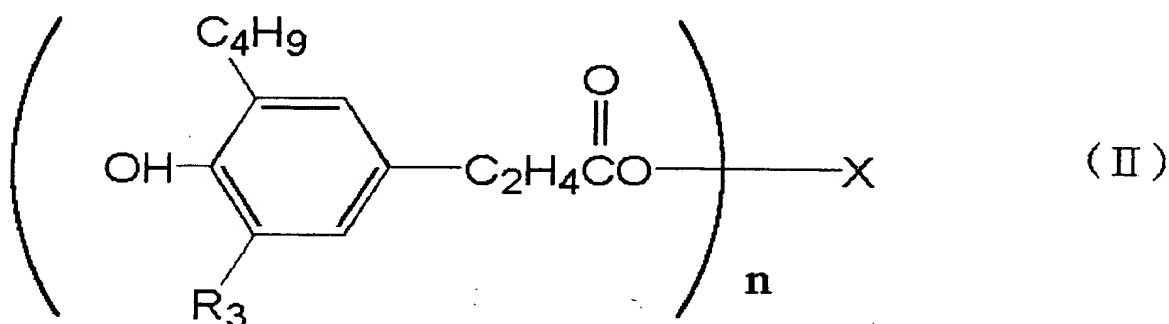


Amendment to the claims:

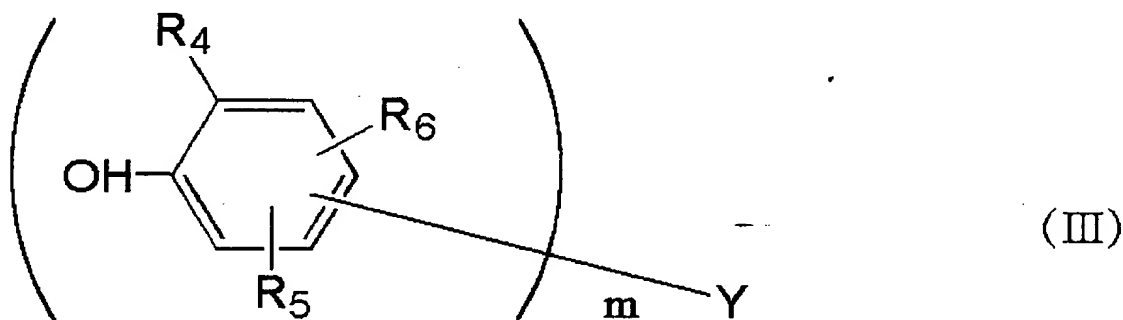
Claim 1 (canceled)

Claim 2 (previously amended): A polyurethane composition comprising

(a) a hindered phenol antioxidant which is at least one selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) and (III):



wherein  $\text{R}_3$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4; and  $\text{X}$  represents an  $n$ -valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom and/or a cyclic group,



wherein  $\text{R}_4$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains hetero atom;  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 3;  $\text{Y}$  represents an  $m$ -valent group, and

when m is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom, when m is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when m is 3, it represents an isocyanuric acid-N,N',N''-trimethylene group or a 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene-2,4,6-trimethylene group, and

(b) an amide represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein  $R_1$  represents an alkyl group having 12 to 21 carbon atoms, wherein (a) and (b) are compounded in a polyurethane.

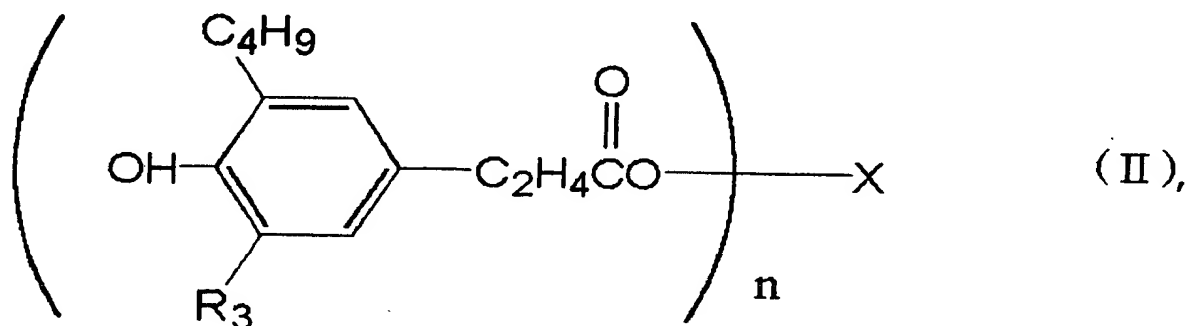
Claim 3 (previously amended): The composition according to claim 2, wherein the amide is at least one selected from the group consisting of stearic acid amide and behenic acid amide.

Claim 4 (canceled)

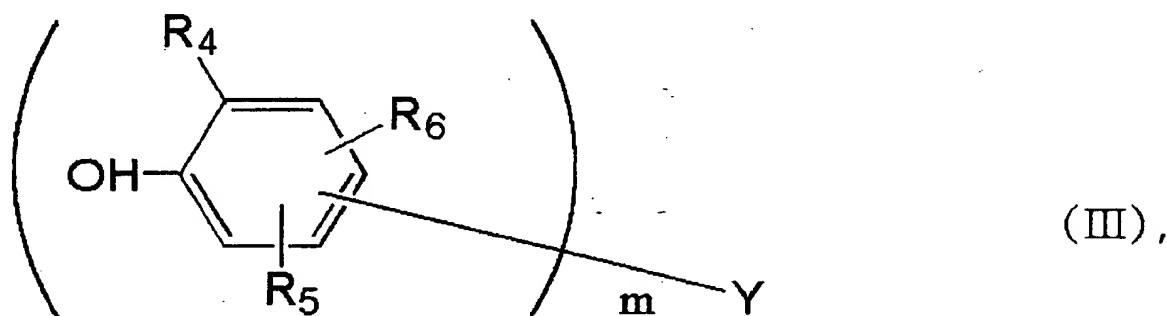
Claim 5 (previously amended): A process for preventing discoloring or coloring of polyurethane comprising:

compounding:

(a) a hindered phenol antioxidant which is at least one selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) and (III):



wherein  $\text{R}_3$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4; and  $\text{X}$  represents an  $n$ -valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom and/or a cyclic group,



wherein  $\text{R}_4$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $\text{R}_5$  and  $\text{R}_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which may optionally contains a hetero atom;  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 3;  $\text{Y}$  represents an  $m$ -valent group, and when  $m$  is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom, when  $m$  is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when  $m$  is 3, it represents an isocyanutric acid- $\text{N},\text{N}',\text{N}''$ -trimethylene group or a 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene-2,4,6-trimethylene group, and

(b) an amide represented by the following general formula (I):



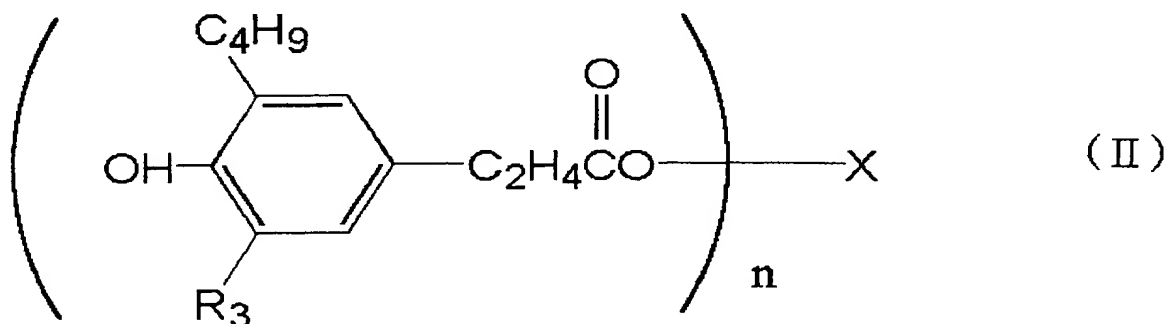
wherein  $R_1$  represents an alkyl group having 12 to 21 carbon atoms in a polyurethane.

Claim 6 (previously amended): The process according to claim 5, wherein the amide is at least one selected from the group consisting of stearic acid amide and behenic acid amid.

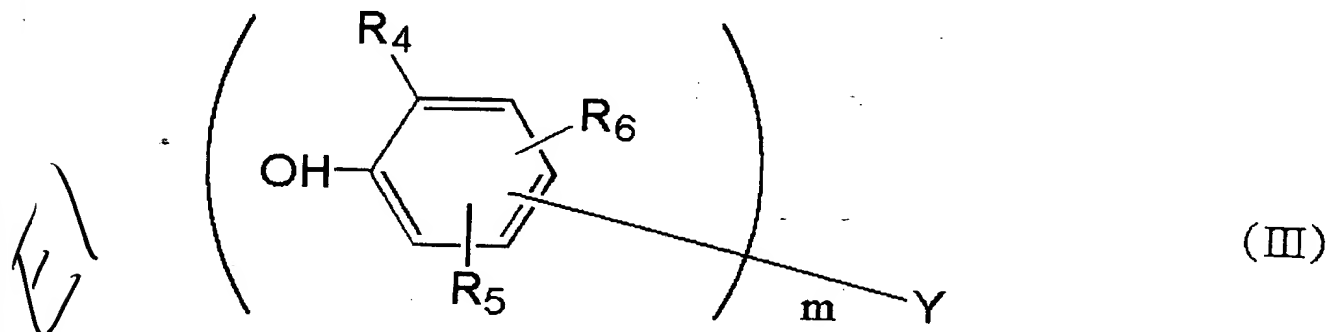
Claim 7 (previously added): A process for improving the producing a polyurethane having improved anti-leaching as to ingredients compounded in said polyurethane, said process anti-leaching property of polyurethane comprising:

compounding ingredients:

(a) a hindered phenol antioxidant which is at least one selected from the group of compounds represented by the following general formula (II) and (III):



wherein  $R_3$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $n$  represents an integer of 1 to 4; and  $X$  represents an  $n$ -valent alcohol residue, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom and/or a cyclic group,



wherein  $R_4$  represents an alkyl group having 1 to 8 carbon atoms;  $R_5$  and  $R_6$  independently represent a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom;  $m$  represents an integer of 1 to 3;  $Y$  represents an  $m$ -valent group, and when  $m$  is 1, it represents a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group, having 1 to 18 carbon atoms, which optionally contains a hetero atom, when  $m$  is 2, it represents a sulfur atom, an oxygen atom or an alkylidene group having 1 to 4 carbon atoms, and when  $m$  is 3, it represents an isocyanuric acid- $N,N',N''$ -trimethylene group or a 1,3,5-trimethylbenzene-2,4,6-trimethylene group, and

(b) an amide represented by the following general formula (I):



wherein  $R_1$  represents an alkyl group having 12 to 21 carbon atoms, in a polyurethane.

Claim 8 (previously added): A process for dyeing a polyurethane composition obtained according to claim 7, comprising dyeing said polyurethane composition.

Claim 9 (previously added): A fiber obtained from a polyurethane composition according to claim 2.

Claim 10 (previously added): An elastic yarn obtained from a polyurethane composition according to claim 2.

Claim 11 (new): A process according to claim 7, wherein R<sub>1</sub> represents an alkyl group having 18 to 21 carbon atoms.

Claim 12 (new): A process according to claim 7, wherein the amount of amide is compounded 0.01 part by weight to 10 parts by weight.

Claim 13 (new): A process according to claim 7, wherein the amount of hindered phenol antioxidant compounded is 0.05 to 5 parts by weight.

Claim 14 (new): An elastic yarn obtained from a polyurethane composition obtained according to claim 11.